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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: NEW LISBON AIRPORT STATUS REPORT

1. DURING COURSE OF COURTESY CALL ON NEW LISBON AIRPORT PLANNING STAFF (GNAL), COMMERCIAL ATTACHE DISCUSSED PROJECT STATUS WITH ENGINEER CORREIA MENDES. ACCORDING TO MENDES, DECISION ON GO-AHEAD FOR AIRPORT WILL BE MADE WITHIN TWO MONTHS. STAFF IS PRESENTLY FINISHING STUDY TO DETERMINE SATURATION POINT FOR PRESENT AIRPORT WHICH WILL DETERMINE WHEN RIO FRIO MUST BE OPERATIONAL. MENDES STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT RESULTS OF STUDY WILL MOVE SATURATION POINT BEYOND 1980, MEANING THAT START-UP TIME FOR RIO FRIO COULD BE LATER THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED. STAFF IS ALSO REVISING OVERALL COST ESTIMATES GIVEN EFFECTS OF INCREASED JET FUEL COSTS ON TROUISM, AIRLINE OPERATING EXPENSES, ETC.

2 WITH REGARD TO WHETHER PROJECT WILL BE ON TURN-KEY OR PHASED BASIS, MENDES MENTIONED NEW ELEMENT. GOP IS PRESENTLY DISCUSSING POSSIBILITY

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OF GOING TO IBRD FOR LOAN. IF IBRD LOAN IS REQUESTED

AND APPROVED, BANK POLICY WILL BE CONTROLLING
CONSIDERATION IN WHETHER PROJECT IS TURN-KEY
OR PHASED.

3. MENDES HAD NO INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO
NEW PASSENGER TERMINAL AT PORTELA. THIS IS
RESPONSIBILLY OF ANOTHER GOP ENTITY.

4. ACTION: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION
ON IBRD POLICY WITH REGARD TO WHETHER AIRPORT
PROJECTS OF THIS SCALE MUST BE DONE ON TURN-KEY
OR PHASED BASIS.
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